

Old School Baptist Church
Hopewell Township, Mercer County, New Jersey

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Old School Baptist Church
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Owner: The Trustees of Old School Baptist Church

Date of Erection: 1747(?) Probably rebuilt c. 1825

Architect:

Builder: David Stout, Benjamin Stout, Benjamin Drake,
Henry Oxley, Managers

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - Stone

Exterior - Brick

Interior - The side walls and ceiling are plaster with plastered ceiling moulding, wood wainscot sill high; windows have brick flat arches and wood sills; chimneys brick; floor - wide boards

Roof - black slate

Historical Data:

On April 25, 1715 twelve Baptists residing in Hopewell Township assembled in the house of Joseph Stout and organized into a church. The first meetings were held in private homes. There was no permanent minister until 1721 when Thomas Simmonds came. In 1747 the church agreed to build a meeting

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house and managers were appointed. The actual building was commenced in August 1747. It was built on a lot of ground given by John Hart, who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

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